Purchase of 6-APA Unit by M/s. Hoechst

3294. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Hoechst have purchased a 6-APA manufacturing unit from M/s. Concord;

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions of the purchase;

(c) how an MRTP company can purchase a small scale sector unit;

(d) whether it is a fact that before the purchase special allocation of 'Penicillin was made;

(e) what is the quantity of Penicillin recommended and allowed for import by the company; and

(f) whether Concord lifted any indigenous materials; if so, when and what quantity was lifted?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The Government have neither received any application under section 23(4) of the MRTP Act, 1969 from M/s. Hoechst India Limited for the purchase of a 6-APA manufacturing unit from M/s. Concord so far, nor any such approval appears to have been granted to M/s. Hoechst India Limited, in the recent past.

(d) No Sir.

(e) and (f) The import of Penicillin G is tagged with indigenous lifting, at a ratio of 60 (imported), 40 (indigenous). To the extent information is available, M/s. Concord lifted indigenous Penicillin to the tune of 24.5 MMU approx. during 1987-88 and they were allowed import as per the above formula.

Price fixation of Category I Drugs

@3295. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
DR. (SMT.) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 153 given in Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1988 and state:

(a) whether his Ministry has a permanent representation in the Drug Prices review committee, if so, the reasons for the failure to secure price fixation of category I drugs so far;

(b) the reasons for which the number of medicines, for T.B., Leprosy and other drugs in the National Health Programme has not been reduced and the people are being overcharged;

(c) since when the overcharging for Rifampicin plus INH, certain packs of Pyrazinamide and Ethambutol, INH Liquid, Rifampicin 600 mg/cap has been going on and what is the amount overcharged;

(d) whether it is a fact that the market price of Rifampicin is Rs. 2500/- per kg. and that his Ministry agreed to a price of Rs. 3000/- per kg for the purpose of fixing of price of formulations;

(e) the reasons for which the purchase invoices were not verified; and

(f) what steps are being contemplated to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Prices of a number of category I formulations have been fixed under DPCO, 1987, including drugs required for treatment of T.B. and Leprosy;

(c) The formulations referred to in the question are being marketed by a number of companies in different pack sizes. Ceiling prices in respect of leader packs of some of these formulations have already been notified under DPCO, 1979 by allowing a mark up of 60 per cent only.

(d) to (f) Price of Rs. 3000/- kg fixed by the Government on the recommendations of BICP for bulk drug Rifampicin has been taken into consideration while fixing the prices of formulations as per provisions of DPCO, 1987.

@Previously unstarred Question 2661, transferred from the 17th August, 1988.